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position where desired video information is stored.

(57) Abstract

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PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide the multimedia information retrieval device which easily retrieves desired video information from multimedia information where video information and character information are integrated.

SOLUTION: Matching between the contents meaning expression which is generated by analyzing a natural language as character information stored in a video/character information storage part 108 by a character information analysis part 106 and the retrieval condition meaning expression which is generated by analyzing a natural language inputted as a retrieval condition by a retrieval condition analysis part 102 is discriminated; and when it is judged that matching is successful, a corresponding natural language in the video/ character information storage part 108 is retrieved based on position information stored in a contents meaning expression storage part 103 together with contents meaning expressions, and the correspondence between the retrieved natural language and video information is retrieved to obtain the

